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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(d)

Sir:

Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently herewith is requested. Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$130 for payment of the fee for filing this petition.

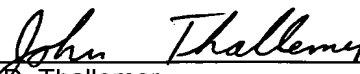
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